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A NEWLY IDENTIFIED AIR WARNING RADAR FACILITY IS LOCATED THREE NAUTICAL MILES WEST OF KOVYLKINO, USSR AND 4.5 NAUTICAL MILES NORTH-NORTHWEST OF THE KOVYLKINO SA-5 EQUIPMENT CHECKOUT INSTALLATION AT 54-03N 43-48E.

THE FACILITY CONSISTS OF THREE RADAR MOUNDS AND A SUPPORT AREA CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY TEN BUILDINGS. ON THE LAST USABLE PHOTOGRAPHY OF THE FACILITY [REDACTED] TWO OF THE RADAR MOUNDS WERE PROBABLY OCCUPIED, AND NO DETERMINATION COULD BE MADE ABOUT THE THIRD. ON PHOTOGRAPHY [REDACTED] TWO OF THE MOUNDS WERE DEFINITELY OCCUPIED AND THE THIRD ONE PROBABLY WAS NOT. BECAUSE OF THE SMALL SCALE OF THIS PHOTOGRAPHY, NO SPECIFIC RADAR TYPES CAN BE IDENTIFIED.

ALTHOUGH THIS FACILITY WAS PRESENT AS EARLY AS 1964, THE RADAR MOUNDS HAVE NEVER BEEN IMAGED ON LARGE-SCALE PHOTOGRAPHY.

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